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Department psyched up for Conklin move

□ The psychology department has been temporarily moved to Conklin during repairs.

By BRIAN BUSCHOR
The BG News

The University Psychology Department is in its final stages of completing its move to Conklin Hall where it will be located for about two years.

According to Bill Balzer, chairman of the department, they moved into Conklin because the psychology building itself will be undergoing renovations.

The plan has been in consideration for about a year, but the scheduling of the renovation and getting Conklin ready to accept the department has kept workers from beginning the project.

The 30-year-old building will be having asbestos removed from its ceilings as well as a few minor changes done to it.

"The building is 30 years old and has done a great job for us in those 30 years," Balzer said.

Some of the new changes to the building will include, a new main office, updated plumbing and new ceilings as well as additional features to make the building more accessible, Balzer said.

"The office we work in now is a 1967 office," he said. "The changes will make the office more modern."

Balzer said the asbestos being removed is not hazardous, but it does hinder mechanical work such as networking and adding new



Campus

"The renovated building should last us 25 to 30 more years."

Bill Balzer
psychology department chairman

lights.

The department plans to move into the renovated building in December 1999. As for now, Balzer said they hope to be up and running in Conklin by Aug. 1.

He said one of the hardest tasks in moving the department was turning the residence hall into an office building.

"The custodians did a terrific job at getting Conklin ready," Balzer said. "They made the place sparkle."

To make the change easier for the University, all of the department's phone numbers will remain the same. In addition, the on-going experiments will also continue while in Conklin.

However, Balzer said most of the psychology classes will be diverted to other buildings, including Harshman, Olscamp and the Education building.

When the renovations are completed, the building should last as long as the older one has.

"The renovated building should last us 25 to 30 more years," Balzer said.

Looking for those... Hometown hotspots Grand Rapids known for history

□ Antique shops and historical sites are just a few things that can be found in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

By JENNY GERKEN
The BG News

One local community has left its wild canal town past behind and renovated its downtown. It has survived fire and flood to emerge as one of the most scenic in the area.

Grand Rapids, just 15 minutes west of BG, boasts many historical sites in a small area. Situated along the Maumee River, the town offers a beautiful view plus a whole lot more.

"It's a quiet laid-back community from the canal era," said Chad Hoffman, Village Administrator.

Hoffman said that the village has spent a lot of time and money restoring the business district to its former glory.

The first place to visit should

be the log cabin on Front Street that serves as a visitor information center. Here you can pick up pamphlets that explain the attractions and give some history of the town.

Grand Rapids' history comes alive in many of the Front Street buildings. Restored in 1976, the buildings now house numerous specialty and antique shops. River's Edge Antiques has everything from furniture to dinnerware to antique dolls.

"If you could get the story from each piece it would be a library," said co-owner John Baron.

Baron went on to say that even with so many shops, the competition isn't fierce. Upon looking at the shops, each seems to have a different specialization. Dandy's Lane features Boyd's Bears as well as fudge and candies. The Brickyard Collection, housed in the former site of Johnson's brickyard, has fabric and crafts. Cabbages and Kings features Pooh and angel collectibles. Don't miss the Old



BG News Photo by Tina Bell

A bridge crosses a creek in Grand Rapids, OH. The town, known for its history, has plenty to offer including an eight-mile hiking trail and a canal boat ride.

● See RAPIDS, page three.

Amish hospitality offers unique vacation

□ Shipshewana, Ind. gives visitors a taste of a different culture only a short drive from home.

By BRANDI BARHITE
The BG News

The smell of freshly baked bread, the sound of horse hooves on the pavement, and the sight of old fashioned farmhouses are all part of the novelty of Shipshewana, Ind., Amish country and vacation get-away.

Entering the city of Shipshewana in north-eastern Indiana is like stepping back into history. It is not rare to see a horse drawn buggy on the main road nor should a visitor be sur-

prised to see the Amish hard at work tending farm or hanging the laundry.

"I think the appeal of Shipshewana is the awe of the Amish. People come here to look and learn," Kathy Harlan, owner of Fern's Country Foods said.

Visitors also come to Shipshewana to shop

● See AMISH, page three.

Summer activity programs still popular among students, community

□ Student Activities has more programs planned for the months of July and August.

By BRIAN BUSCHOR
The BG News

The summer is a little more than half over, but the Office of Student Activities summer program is still going strong.

The 1998 summer program has been offering musical performances every Monday as well as free movies every other week.

The program is geared towards on campus students, but is open



Student Life

to anyone who is interested.

"The community is eligible to participate as well as the faculty and their children," said Kevin O'Keefe, Summer Programs Coordinator. "Their friends can come

too."

If this year's attendance is any measure of how the program is doing, it has stepped up.

"We had 55 people attend the first movie and 40 at the second," O'Keefe said. O'Keefe feels the bi-weekly showing and quality of the movies is what makes attendance so high.

The Monday Musicians have also drawn good-sized groups.

About 25 to 30 people listen to the musicians in the Union Mall, in front of the Student Union, every Monday.

The summer program will continue through Aug. 3. Until then, the Office of Student Activities is still offering great trips and activi-

ties for the community.

The Monday Musicians will continue to perform every week and the movies will be shown every Wednesday. The final two movies being shown will be "Fallen," July 15 and "I Know What You Did Last Summer," July 29.

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So that's how you do it...



BG News Photo by Scott Fauber

Patrick Betaudier, a visiting artist from France, demonstrates a painting technique while Jennifer Cummings, a summer art student, watches. Betaudier is conducting a two-week workshop at the University. It ends Friday.

Heat exhaustion common problem with summer activities

□ As summer heats up, health care professionals urge students to use caution when spending time outdoors.

By ANN DIERKSHEIDE
The BG News

Exercise and strenuous activities at this time of the year can really affect your health.

"Heat exhaustion is exposure to very high heat and temperatures with excessive fluid loss," said Glenna Rufo, staff nurse at the student health center.

Young children, elderly, pregnant women, obese people and alcoholics are the most vulnerable to heat exhaustion. Medication may also increase the chances of heat exhaustion, said Rufo.

"It is especially common at this time of the summer," Rufo said. "It

is important to stay out of hot places and wear light clothing."

"If you run during the summer, run at the coolest times of the day," she said. "You need to stay away from the hottest times of the day."

The coolest times of the day are early in the morning and early in the evening.

"Do not run as fast as you normally would," Rufo said. "This will help prevent fluid loss, which is important to your body during hot parts of the season."

Cathy Swick, assistant director of the fitness center, said vigorous exertion in any activity can cause heat exhaustion. The basic exercise program is usually 30 minutes to one hour, she said.

"It is especially important not to go beyond that hour in the heat," Swick said. "Stop exercising if you do not feel well."

"People who aren't used to exercising should build up gradually,"



Health

Swick said. "Take frequent breaks to lower your intensity level."

While exercising, drink plenty of water to keep the body temperature down. Gatorade is also a very good fluid to drink during exercise. The loss of fluids can impair physiologic function, so it is important to keep the fluids up in your body.

Wearing minimal or light clothing provides greater skin surface for heat transfer and evaporation. The clothing should be light weight and light colored.

The symptoms for heat exhaustion are stomach sickness, sweating, becoming anxious, dizzy and passing out. If any of these symptoms are experienced it is important to follow the proper procedures to rid your body of heat exhaustion.

"Heat exhaustion goes away when you get your fluids up," Rufo said.



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Intelligence discrimination filed

Fellow students, put away those books and throw away your thinking caps. It doesn't pay to be intelligent. Well, at least not in New London, Connecticut.

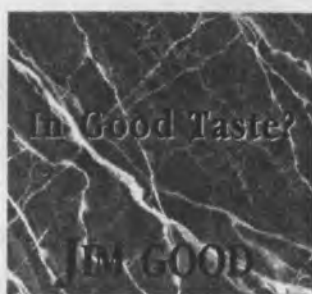
"PrimeTime Live" reported last week that a man named Robert Jordan is suing New London because of his claim of intelligence discrimination. He was blatantly told he won't be hired because he is too smart for the job.

He applied for a position on the New London police squad. Before hiring, the town gives all applicants a test called the "Wonderlic Personnel Test," which measures intelligence. It's similar to an IQ Test but easier.

This test then rates where a person is in accordance with other professions. The report said New London wants people that have the intelligence of a secretary or a construction foreman. Whoa folks, don't get angry with me. That's what they said.

If you are in a higher category, like a reporter or an engineer, you are too smart for the police position. Other categories then followed. I was offended by this because I've always thought journalists were smarter than anyone, bar none. Shows how much I know.

Anyway, Jordan passed the test, scoring in the top 5 percent. OOPS. Mistake. The town doesn't want people who have above-average intelligence working on their police force. And they admit this.



A spokesman for New London said people who score above average are more likely to become bored and quit. He said police officers experience a lot of "down time" on the job, complete with filing reports and mundane writing. A smart person will become disenchanted with this sort of non-challenging work.

Also, he said it takes a lot of taxpayer's money to train a police officer. New London isn't a wealthy town. They can't afford to keep training new officers. So they decide to just hire dumb ones.

He said there is a certain intellectual range for police officers and if that range is higher than average, it's counter productive. New London has a very low drop-out rate among police officers. That's interesting, because its staff is probably riddled with high school drop-outs anyway.

In nearby Lakewood, a wealthier town, the drop-out rate is much higher. This town currently welcomes "smart" applicants and has a handful of ex-lawyers working on the force. Rather ironic, isn't it? Lawyers are usually the ones breaking the law, not upholding it.

An officer at Lakewood said "there is no such thing as being over qualified in law enforcement." He seemed puzzled at New London's way of approaching things.

So the case is heading to the courts and could create a new precedent — intelligence discrimination. If successful, add that to the list of other no-nos, such as age, race and sex discrimination.

What interests me the most is the police force in New London. What are they like? How do they respond to this? On the program, none of them would talk to "PrimeTime Live." That is probably because they only speak with grunts and scratch their heads when asked a question.

I picture this town being run by Barney Fife. They all have only one bullet each, which they keep in their front pockets. Being scrawny, jittery and inept is encouraged. So is having a girlfriend named Thelma Lou. Being smart, capable and confident isn't encouraged.

What if, by some terrible accident, I was in that town and stopped to ask for directions from

one of these dullards.

"Say officer, can you tell me where the nearest library is," I say. "I doesn't know," he replies. "I likes them donuts with sprinkles and gooey middles."

"I'm sorry, what did you say, officer?"

"I big boy now," the officer gushes, beaming with pride. "I like to catch frogs and play marbles. Wanna climb a tree with me? I'm 33-and-a-half years old. My daddy is bigger than your daddy. You are a poopy head."

And that's probably the smartest guy on the force.

What happens in dangerous situations where quick thinking, guile and cleverness are needed? What happens when split second decisions need to be made to save people's lives? What if Officer Below-Average comes to your aid during a break-in? He'd be more of a hindrance than of any help.

There is a bright side though. Since no newspaper has hired me as of yet, at least I know a job is waiting for me in New London.

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People on the Street

How are you planning on spending the rest of your summer?



"Taking classes and then I'm going to Seattle to visit my sister."
Susan Mallett,
senior



"I'm going to try to stay sane and get a good grade in this class and then take some time off."
Sumer Hobert,
senior



"Sleep in and do nothing. Enjoy it."
Jill Badenhop,
junior



"I'm going to go boating and visit some friends in Columbus."
John Bothwell,
freshman



"Working at Huntington and going to class. I'll probably take a trip if I get the chance."
Marc Levey,
senior

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IT STARTED WITH A SATURDAY AFTER NOON AND SOME ROLLERBLADES. IT ENDED, AFTER CAREENING DOWN A HILL BACKWARDS, IN A NASTY CASE OF ROAD RASH: SHE BIT PAVEMENT.



Abortion bill damaging and strict

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The U.S. House of Representatives last Wednesday voted in favor of a bill, sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Florida), that would make it a crime for anyone other than a parent to transport a pregnant young woman under the age of 17 across state lines to have an abortion.

The restrictions imposed by this bill could seriously damage a woman's right to have an abortion.

For a little more than 25 years, when the Supreme Court ruled that the word "person" in the Constitution did not apply to the unborn, women in this country have had the ability to determine what is right for their own bodies.

In that time, many states have passed their own laws making it difficult for minors to have an abortion without parental consent. This new bill works to prevent people from bypassing restrictive state laws.

The bill makes anyone besides a parent — even a close relative who is not a parent — who takes a young woman out of state to have an abortion, subject to prosecution.

Those transporting the young



woman could possibly be sentenced to one year in jail plus a fine. They could also face legal action from the young woman's parents.

This bill does not take into consideration factors that could make it necessary for a pregnant youth to circumvent her parents. Social, religious and ethnic factors could all make an unwanted pregnancy — or an aborted pregnancy — the subject of considerable shame for a young woman.

In some sad cases, parents may be abusive to the young woman, and revealing an unwanted pregnancy could result in dangerous circumstances for the underage girl. And in some dysfunctional families, parents may not be available to their children.

A close relative's help in such a trying time can be a great help to a young woman caught up in the complexities of an unwanted pregnancy.

In any case of an unwanted pregnancy, the woman's decision — whatever it may be — is extremely anguishing.

For many young women, this bill would limit the number of people they could go to for help, and add further complications to a difficult situation.

And the bill likely would not accomplish its goal of enforcing parental consent laws in the pregnant youth's home state. A young woman could still go by herself across state lines and receive an abortion.

And worse, some may consider having an illegal abortion.

Legalized abortion, as even abortion's detractors must admit, has helped prevent the tragedies that can result from illegal abortions, which have a very high maternal death rate. If this new bill were to become a law, some young women may consider this unhealthy and unsafe option.

Indications are that President Clinton would veto the bill if it

reaches his desk — and that is exactly what he should do, if the bill reaches him in its present form.

The House's margin of approval, 276-150, is not enough to overturn a Presidential veto.

Abortion is a controversial right protected by the Constitution, and it must remain protected. This bill infringes on a young pregnant woman's rights, further complicates her decision and could result in a dangerous situation.

It should not become law.

This staff editorial is from the University of Michigan.

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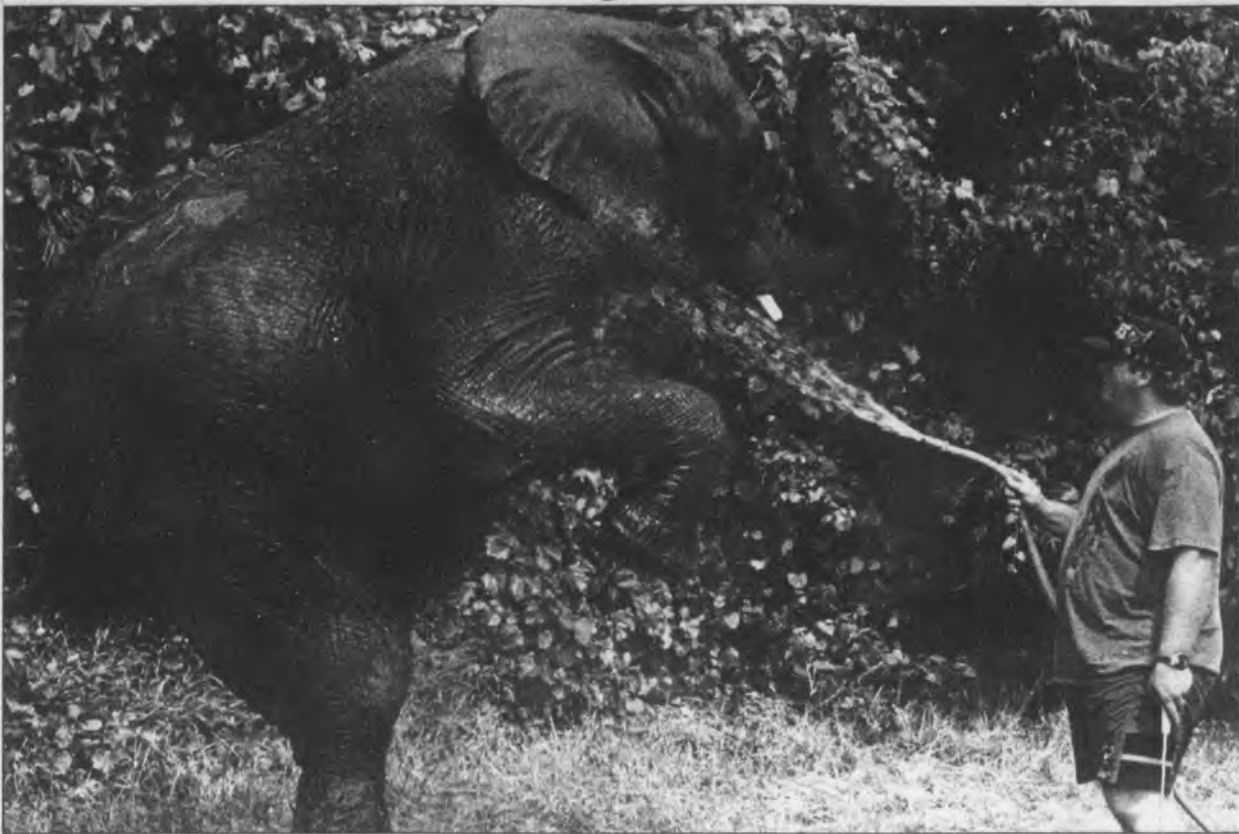
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Ohh, right there!



Amy, a 10-year-old African elephant, gets cooled off by trainer Shannon Woodcock.

Associated Press photo

AMISH

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at the renowned Shipshewana Auction and Flea Market. The flea market is an enormous country sale with 1,000 vendors and a dozen auctioneers.

Harlan said the people come from all over the United States to shop at the flea market. About 50,000 tourists visit the flea market everyday. The flea market is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday during the summer. There is also an antique auction every Wednesday and a horse auction every Friday all year round.

The flea market also has vendors that specialize in clothing, collectibles, crafts, leather and furniture. Ludmila's Russian Treasures has Russian rafts, black lacquer and jewelry. Modoc Leather Goods sells Siskiyou belt buckles, and antique spoon rings. There are also open fruit markets and homemade baked goods at every corner.

After a long day of shopping, visitors can relax at one of the many fine dining establishments. Buggy Wheel Buffet specializes in a homemade potluck buffet featuring over 70 items of Amish and Mennonite favorites. For snacks, visitors can visit Fern's Country Foods. Harlan said her store sells noodles, old fashion jam, butter, and cheeses and can even watch their noodles being made.

Visitors can also stop by the Bread Box Bake Shop, the Deutsch Kase haus, cheese factory or visit the rare round barn located 1 mile west on Route 250 north. The Red Owl is also a nice place to grab a beer or purchase liquor.

Bed and breakfasts are another Shipshewana specialty. The Atwater Century Farm Bed and Breakfast is a popular bed and breakfast, mainly because it is a 120 year old restored farmhouse. It is located on U.S. 20 between Shipshewana and LaGrange.

LaVera Schlabach, employee at the Old Carriage Inn said the Old Carriage Inn is an Amish home that has comfortable rooms with a private bath, but no television. They also provide a homemade continental breakfast with homemade cinnamon buns and fresh fruit. A room is \$65 a night and located at 145 Farver St.

Schlabach said Shipshewana is relatively quiet and laid-back during the week, but said the small town comes alive on Tuesday and Wednesday. During the week visitors do not have to be site seeing to have a good time; visitors can just sit back and relax and also enjoy the small town atmosphere and the Amish hospitality.

"People come from all over to see the crafts and experience the Amish. It is this combination that makes Shipshewana so popular," Harlan said.

ACTIVITIES

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The Office of Student Activities will host an AIDS/Sex Education speaker from David's House July 15.

A day trip to the Ann Arbor Arts Festival is being planned for July 18. There is a \$5 fee which includes transportation.

A horse back riding trip is scheduled for July 24 at Douglas Meadows Farm in Temperance, Mich. The cost for this trip is only \$10 and includes transportation.

"It's a good deal," O'Keefe said. "The cost is normally \$15 and you're getting free transportation."

The Office of Student Activities is sponsoring a trip to Cleveland July 25. The price for the trip is \$20. This includes a WNBA game, Cleveland Rockers v. Utah Starzz, and transportation to Cleveland.

The last trip of the summer, Aug. 2, will be a Cedar Point trip. The price of admission will be \$22, \$3 off the regular student rate, and includes a ride to the park.

Sign-ups for any and all of these trips can be found inside the door of the UAO office, located in room 330 of the Student Union.

For more information about the trips, contact Kevin O'Keefe at 372-2343.

RAPIDS

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Gilead Country Store, it is a Maumee Valley historical landmark.

Collectibles and antiques are not the only things to see in Grand Rapids. You can stop in for a cool treat at the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Shop or pick up a BG favorite, Pisanello's Pizza. For fine dining, check out LaRoe's. Not only can you eat a great meal in style but you can also catch one of the dinner theater productions.

If you are planning to stay a while, the Sisters of Thurston House and the Mill House Bed and Breakfasts are the places. The Sis-

ters of Thurston House is located on Second Street close to all attractions. The Mill House is situated right in the business district.

If shopping isn't your interest, check out Providence Park. Hoffman said that even though the park is on the other side of the river, it is still an important part of the town and is not to be missed.

The one and one-half mile section of the original Miami and Erie Canal is the focal point of the park. Authentic canal boats pulled by mules are available to take passengers on trips through the canal lock.

Built in 1846, the Isaac Ludwig Mill was restored to a working

waterpowered facility, is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places and holds sawmilling and grain milling demonstrations every Sunday.

Canal boat rides are \$4 and leave on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Another park to explore is Mary Jane Thurston State Park. Located near the dam on the Maumee, the park offers picnic facilities, fishing and boating. It also boasts a marina, canal towpath and camping facilities.

For the ultimate getaway, check out the Kerr House, a 19th century mansion located on Beaver

Street. Now a private health retreat, the Kerr House takes only six to nine guests at a time.

"Our main focus is the weekly program and people come from all over the world," said Laurie Hostetler, director and owner.

Guests may also choose from a day or weekend stay. Individual treatments such as massages, reflexology, herbal wraps and facials are also available. An entire day runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$195. Individual treatments vary from \$30 to \$60.

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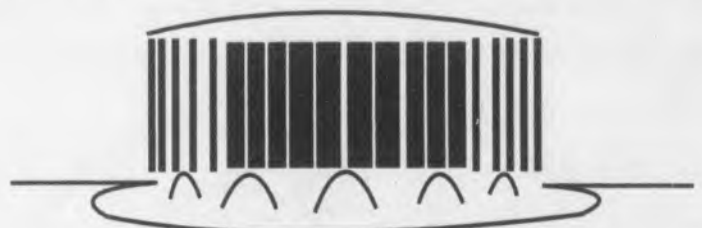
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CELEBRITY

It's a boy for actress Jodie Foster

LOS ANGELES — Actress Jodie Foster is a mother for the first time. The Oscar-winning actress gave birth to a boy at 5:53 a.m. Monday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, publicist Pat Kingsley said. Charles Foster weight 7 1/2 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

"She couldn't be happier. She's happy as a lark," Ms. Kingsley said. Foster, whose movie credits include "Taxi Driver" and "Silence of the Lambs," isn't married and she hasn't revealed the name of the father.

She has said she plans to be a single mother.

The 35-year-old actress returned to her Los Angeles home with her son on Tuesday.

PEPSI

Pepsi buys Tropicana for \$3.3 billion

NEW YORK — Pepsi is taking its fight with Coke to the breakfast table with the purchase of Tropicana on Monday for \$3.3 billion. PepsiCo Inc. is buying the No. 1 seller of orange juice from Seagram Co.

Coca-Cola Co. already owns Minute Maid orange juice.

Tropicana, which includes Dole juices and Twister fruit drinks, had sales of \$2 billion last year.

The juices will be added to a Pepsi lineup that includes the world's second-most popular soft drink behind Coke and snacks such as Ruffles, Doritos and Cheetos made by Pepsi's Frito-Lay division.

The purchase marks another major step in Pepsi's campaign to build its powerful soft drink and snacks businesses.

Pepsi and Tropicana have annual beverage sales totaling about \$12.5 billion, still far behind Coca-Cola's \$18.9 billion in sales.

COLLAPSE

Construction elevator collapses, one missing

NEW YORK — A construction elevator and 20 floors of scaffolding surrounding it collapsed this morning at a skyscraper construction site in Times Square, raining debris onto a nearby senior citizens' residence where one person was missing.

Police used dogs to search for the missing resident in wreckage on the 12th floor of the Woodstock Hotel.

"There's a lot of rubble and debris and suspicions and fear that there might be one person dead," said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Other residents were safely evacuated. Twelve minor injuries were reported, apparently including construction workers and other people in the hotel, officials said.

The scaffolding was at the site of the Conde Nast building, which is to be 48 stories tall when construction is finished next year. The Conde Nast company publishes magazines such as Vogue and the New Yorker.

Smoke reported before ship announcement

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Passengers aboard the cruise ship Ecstasy say they complained of smoke coming through their cabin vents and saw TV coverage of the fire long before the first announcement telling them to move to upper decks was made.

The flash fire may have been started when a spark from a welder's torch in the laundry room ignited lint, Carnival Cruise Lines president Bob Dickinson said Tuesday. The fire quickly spread two decks above to a mooring area, where nylon rope fed the flames, Dickinson said.

Fifty-four of the nearly 3,000 people aboard suffered mostly minor injuries Monday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said it is investigating the cause of the fire and also looking into shipboard operations and the crew's actions during the blaze.

Dickinson commended the crew's handling of the smoky fire that broke out shortly after the 855-foot ship set out on a four-night trip to Key West and Cozumel, Mexico.

However, Coast Guard Lt. Dennis Seehoaus said that when the

Coast Guard radioed the ship after seeing billowing smoke, the Ecstasy's crew initially said it was dealing with a small fire and didn't need help.

And passengers complained that they were kept in the dark and that the crew responded slowly.

"They communicated effectively to keep panic to a minimum, but they did not give all the facts," said Tom Owens of Dallas.

Dickinson said the first internal alarm rang at 5:30 p.m., and the first ship alarm to the 2,575 passengers sounded about 6 p.m.

However, Dale Palmer, a banker from Union, S.C., said she told a steward at 4:40 p.m. that smoke was entering her cabin through the air-conditioning duct.

"I'm disturbed when I see the president of Carnival on TV saying the fire started (later) when I know better. I reported it," Ms. Palmer said.

Announcements told passengers to go to the upper decks at the ship's bow and to take along the life vests from their cabins. However, not everyone was in their cabins, and some passengers said they were told not to return to get their vests.



Associated Press photo

Carnival's Ecstasy cruise ship caught fire, Monday. According to officials, it may have started from a welder's torch in the laundry room. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

'Ulysses' heads list of century's 100 best novels

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — James Joyce's "Ulysses," the epic story about one man's journey during a single day in Dublin, Ireland, has been unanimously selected by a panel of scholars and writers as the best English-language novel of the century.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" was second, and Joyce's "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" was third.

The selections announced Monday by the Modern Library's editorial board were generally older, recognized classics. They immediately touched off debate about who made the list, who didn't and who ranked where.

"We tried to pick books that were of great merit and proven over

time," said board chairman Christopher Cerf. The Modern Library is a division of Random House that has published classic literature since 1917, but Cerf said novels were chosen regardless of publisher.

"Ulysses" takes place on June 16, 1904, when a Jewish cuckold named Leopold Bloom went wandering around his native city. In the epic, Joyce ranges from religion and adultery to literature and nationalism.

The explicit language and stream of consciousness prose resulted in the book's ban in many countries, including Ireland and the United States, when it was published in 1922.

The voting panel consisted of Cerf; Daniel J. Boorstin, a former librarian of the Library of Con-

gress; English novelist A.S. Byatt; historians Shelby Foote, Edmund Morris, Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and John Richardson; Vartan Gregorian, head of the Carnegie Corporation; and American authors Gore Vidal and William Styron.

Byatt was the only woman on the judging panel; there were no blacks.

Cerf said the board members were selected "for their particular expertise, for their willingness to help us, and their friendliness to the cause."

They were invited to come up with their own list of 100 favorites, from which the final list was drawn.

Author Cynthia Ozick called it "a very generational list, in a good sense."

"If you went to people in their 30s, you wouldn't get this list. It is a mark of a generation, before the great wash of technology came along despoiling reading as a central passion," said Ozick, who said she had read 90 of the list entries.

The most recently published books on the list included "Ironweed" by William Kennedy, "Midnight's Children" by Salman Rushdie and "Sophie's Choice" by Styron.

Only eight women authors were represented, including Virginia Woolf, Edith Wharton and Willa Cather.

Joseph Conrad had four books on the list, the most of any author.

"Ulysses" was more popular with the board than it was among readers weighing in on a Random House Web site Monday.

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Downey shines in 'Two Girls and a Guy'

□ Despite bad scripting and production, Robert Downey Jr. makes "Two Girls and a Guy" entertaining.

By SCOTT FAUBER
The BG News

After a series of drug-related legal problems, Robert Downey Jr. is out of prison and back on the silver screen.

Paired with writer/director James Toback for the first time since 1987's "The Pick-Up Artist", Downey shines throughout "Two Girls and a Guy" despite the film's sub-par production quality and spotty script.

As Blake Allen, Downey plays a two-timing, yet delightful, actor who has trouble separating his professional career from his personal life. He's as dishonest as they come, never offering a straight answer, and never far from slipping into another of his pre-rehearsed roles.

The plot begins with Blake returning from L.A. and having no idea that both his girlfriends (played by Heather Graham and Natasha Wagner) have decided to welcome him home personally.

Once confronted, Blake can only backpedal and compile lies. He's trapped, as evident in a cleverly-mirrored bathroom scene where his accusers multiply within the reflections. "I'm an actor," he explains, "and actors lie."

But Blake needn't do this for long. As the conversation unfolds, we learn he's not the only one who's been dishonest.

The script is nearly too convenient in this respect, but coupled with a kinky sex scene between Downey and Graham, it explains why the three spend the rest of their afternoon at Blake's apartment: because none of them are as interested in love as they are sex.

So go the 90's, eh? Before you know it, Blake's girlfriends have warmed up to one another.

If you feel you're being set up for something, you're right. But the



Heather Graham, left, Robert Downey Jr. and Natasha Wagner star in "Two Girls and a Guy." The movie is currently playing at Southwyck Art Cinemas in Maumee.

much anticipated *menage a trois* never quite happens.

Instead, the script turns awkwardly philosophic. Carla makes observations like, "Maybe we're not maybe for monogamy," and, "Maybe monogamy violates some essential part of our being." Her lines serve as thematic (and heavy-handed) keys to the film, to which Blake replies, "You say we, meaning you and I?"

Of course, that may be what she means, but it seems more like she's functioning here as a voice-box for director James Toback.

So, are we made for monogamy? Though he pops the question, Toback shies from answering. Consider the final scenes: after an unspecified amount of time has passed, Blake is devastated by a tragic event. Carla, however,

remains by his side to comfort him.

They seem very much a couple and cause us to wonder what's happened to their relationship in the meantime. What about their other lovers? Have they kept them? Have they discarded them? Has polygamy broken down the fragile understanding between Carla and Blake, or are the people they share intimate moments with simply interchangeable?

Herein lies the trouble with "Two Girls and a Guy." While the film stirs up some interesting questions, it lacks the courage to answer them.

Reportedly, Toback wrote the script and completed shooting in 11 days. This might be an accomplishment were the film's original audio track not so shotty.

As does the camera work. Cin-

ematographer Barry Markowitz (who also did "Sling Blade") seems bored with Toback's confined, one apartment setting. Markowitz is always on the move, either through pans, zooms, or strange, mid-scene shifts in focus. Without a clear-cut thematic purpose, though, these "techniques" seem more like gimmicks.

To say that Downey's charisma overcomes all this is perhaps too much. But the film's charm comes almost entirely from watching Downey try to wriggle his way free.

Whatever his troubles, the man can flat out act. From renditions of Shakespeare, to a self-damning monologue before the bathroom mirror, Downey proves he's still blessed with the talent to capture an audience. Now, he need only find the his way into better films.

Violence prominent in computer-animated flick 'Small Soldiers'

□ Computer generated images join live action for a fun but violent summer flick.

By BRIAN BUSCHOR
The BG News

Take "Toy Story", mix it with Chuckie from "Child's Play" and you get "Small Soldiers."

"Small Soldiers" opened this past weekend and although it was a good movie, the violence level may keep smaller children away from the box office.

The movie began with an enormously wealthy computer company trying to dabble its way into the toy business.

GloboTech owner, Gill Mars (Denis Leary), encourages two toy-making nerds to add real Defense Department chips into their new line of commando toys.

The results are two groups of toys whose sole purpose is to fight and destroy each other.

The "Commando Elite" are commandos who are programmed killers and their mission is to seek out and eliminate the monster-like Gorgonites.

The Gorgonites are curious pacifists who are programmed to be defeated, but are hiding throughout the movie in hopes of not being killed.

The human hero, Alan Abernathy (Gregory Smith), is a teen-ager trying to win back his parents trust after a few problems at his old school. His father (Kevin Dunn) briefly puts him in charge of the family's toy store.

Alan tries to make the toy store some money, for once, with advance sales of the toys.

The result, the toys break free after the store is closed one night and then go to war in an Ohio neighborhood.

The commandos don't use real guns, but do with what they have and turn well-stocked garages and kitchens in to arsenals. They use toasters and nail guns to shoot corn-cob holders and silverware at unsuspecting humans.

With 250 3-D computer-generated animated shots added for believability, it's no wonder it cost DreamWorks \$70 million to make this movie.

Unlike "Toy Story," which was completely generated on computer, the creators of "Small Soldiers" had to integrate computerized special effects with 12-inch plastic puppets and human actors.

While the human characters performed well, the computer-generated toys stole the show.

The actors pale along side the dolls, but the violence in the film will have many movie patrons wondering if it was worth it.

The movie is also the last screen appearance of the late Phil Hartman and his wife, Brinn, who plays an alcoholic. The similarity here hits too close to home.

Directed by Joe Dante, the movie may be too difficult for children to understand. The film is rated PG-13 but doesn't seem to be high enough.

The rating is for menacing action, violence, and brief drug references.

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Disease threatens survivors of tsunami; official toll hits 1,200

The Associated Press

VANIMO, Papua New Guinea — Burials gave way to gasoline-fueled cremations as rescue workers searching Tuesday for survivors of a devastating tsunami found corpses decaying in the tropical heat.

With at least 1,200 dead and 6,000 missing after 23-foot-high walls of water hit the Pacific island Friday night, fear of disease was quickly taking precedent over continued rescue efforts. Prime Minister Bill Skate said Tuesday he was

considering evacuating people from the area.

He said there was little hope of finding the missing alive.

Some 700 bodies have been buried or burned, and Skate estimated 500 more were floating in Sissano lagoon and the sea, festering in the heat.

West Sepik provincial governor John Tekwi expected the death toll to rise to more than 3,000.

Three waves, or tsunamis, generated by a magnitude-7 undersea earthquake devastated some 18 miles of the north coast and

destroyed at least three villages in Papua New Guinea, a nation of 4 million on the island of New Guinea about 90 miles north of Australia.

So far, only 2,527 people have been found alive out of the 8,000 to 10,000 believed to have lived in these remote coastal fishing and subsistence farming villages.

In one burial along the beach, soldiers, missionaries, aid workers and the healthier surviving villagers used spades to dig a shallow grave, then put on surgical gloves to wrap the corpse in black plastic.

"The people will go back, but to a better place."

Fabian Tombre
resident of Tombre

Most of the dead and many of the missing were children, victims of furious waters that took seconds to wreak its devastation.

Skate said he would meet with emergency relief officials to decide

whether to evacuate residents.

"We have to look at the environment, because it really could be infested. The water is contaminated and it is very, very unhealthy," he said.

The remoteness of the region hampered emergency officials from Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, who were coordinating a rescue operation.

Medics set up a tent hospital and cared for victims sent by three overcrowded hospitals. Many survivors underwent amputations because bacteria-filled coral sand

had infected wounds, causing gangrene.

For survivors who lost everything the wounds were internal.

"For three nights I was crying for my lost wife and three daughters. I am still sad," said Fabian Tombre of Arop, a village that was totally destroyed.

Tombre, whose son survived, said the living would rebuild the ravaged town.

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